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HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION 2018 - '19

Class : X

Marks : 80

Time : 3 hrs

ENGLISH

General Instructions :

1. This paper is divided into three sections: A, B and C.

Section A : Reading 20 Marks

Section B : Writing and Grammar 30 Marks

Section C : Literature and Novel 30 Marks

2. All sections are compulsory..

3. Read the instructions given with each section and question and follow them faithfully.

4. Write down the serial number of the question before attempting it.

5. Strictly adhere to the word limit prescribed.

SECTION A - READING

1. Read the passage carefully.

We give undue importance to our health and the treatment of diseases. A large number of medicines treat only the symptoms of the disease, and not the root cause. In fact, the cause of many chronic ailments is still being researched. It is here that Yoga therapy comes to our assistance. Yoga emphasizes the treatment of the root cause of an ailment. It works in a slow, subtle and miraculous manner. Modern medicine can claim to save a life at a critical stage, but, for complete recovery and regaining of normal health, one must believe in the efficiency of Yoga therapy. The yogic way of life includes a code of ethics, regulations, discipline combined with prayer and meditation. Even a discussion of these subjects helps one relieve mental tensions and change attitudes. Simple asanas help to stretch and relax the whole body and release tensions. The sincere practice of Yoga postures is beneficial for the mind and body. Continued practice of Yoga has a profound effect on the inner dimensions of life. Yoga aims at developing the mental, physical, spiritual and emotional faculties. Other forms of physical exercises like aerobics, assure only physical well being. They have little to do with the development of the soul and mind.

On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following questions briefly.

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- What do most of the medicines treat?
- What does the phrase 'chronic ailments' refer to?
- How is Yoga different from other forms of treatment?
- What does the Yogic way of life include?
- How does 'simple asanas' help?
- How does sincere practice of Yoga benefit us?
- How does Yoga therapy work?
- Is Yoga better than physical exercises? Why?

2. Read the following passage carefully.

Discipline for democracy, development and decency in public life needs no reiteration nor does it require any expert to espouse its cause for personal posse and social solidarity. Discipline should be the order in public life. It is the crying need of the hour. Discipline stands for training,

especially of the mind and character, to develop obedience and self-control, in the face of temptation or provocation.

Discipline in public life ensures peace and harmony, which in turn offers the required impetus to the forces of progress and prosperity. No country, big or small, can afford to play duck and drakes with the diety called discipline. All talk of equity or social justice becomes a cry in the wilderness or a pompous promise if the ‘powers that be’ fail to comprehend and carry out the dictates of discipline in all situations. With discipline, all plans, policies and programs are bound to bear fruit. Whenever people in public life or in private enterprise dilute the demands of discipline, most aspirations and achievements go astray, leading to failure and frustration at various levels. Discipline for countries like India which are standing at the threshold of economic breakthrough and a stupendous store of opportunities, it’s the most immediate and urgent pre-requisite. Discipline for the rulers and the ruled, is an essential ingredient if we mean business in fields and factories. The recent outbreak of ‘plague’ and the wrong signals that this ‘limited epidemic sent across the world, was not an act of God as some would like us to believe but the regretful result of unpardonable negligence on the part of civic authorities. The woeful way the routine calls of duty and discipline by paid public servants were given a go-bye, is a matter of shame for one and all. The heaps of garbage in towns, cities and metros that were allowed to rot and their removal left to rag-pickers, speak volumes of the callous attitude towards discipline and devotion to duty. It is high time that we sit up and do serious heart-searching.

The ease with which opposition sponsored ‘Bandhs’ are organized in our country is another area of concern. With discipline in public life under a cloud, the entire socio economic momentum is brought to a grinding halt. When such is the sadistic approach towards discipline, there is nothing that can come to our rescue if some bigger calamity overtakes us in future. The remedy of so many ills that afflict us today lies not in tall talk but in the restoration of discipline in public life. Discipline is the only route that can take us to our rightful place among the comity of nations.

2.1. On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions.

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| a) What is the advantage of discipline in public life? | 2 |
| b) What happens when discipline is diluted in public or private life? | 2 |
| c) Why is discipline important for India? | 2 |
| d) Why is the entire socio-economic momentum brought to a grinding halt? | 2 |
| e) How will all plans, policies and programmes bear fruit? | 1 |
| f) What was the wrong signal about limited epidemic sent across the world? | 1 |
| g) Find the word in the passage which means ‘desire to achieve things’. | 1 |
| h) Which word in the passage means ‘surprisingly impressive’ or ‘large’. | 1 |

SECTION B - WRITING AND GRAMMAR

3. You are Rachna / Raghu, resident of 456 Rajouri Garden, New Delhi. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily, drawing the attention of the concerned authorities to the deteriorating law and order situation in the city. 8

OR

Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper complaining about the acute water shortage in your area and suggesting ways like rainwater harvesting etc. to conserve water in about 120 words. You are Satish / Sania of Vikaspuri.

4. In 200-250 words write a story based on the input given below. 10
Truth always pays – spoke truth – got into trouble – upset – changed mind – later realized.

OR

“An old man had two daughters. He loved both of them. Once he asked them

5. Fill in any four of the blanks in the sentences given below choosing the most appropriate options. **4**

- a) Sanitation and hygiene are also important _____ the well-being of society and biodiversity conservation.
- b) The government has _____ a programme.
- c) It aims to develop _____ river fronts.
- d) It will solve the problem of pollution _____ the rivers.
- e) We should make 'no-plastic' zones _____ public areas.
 - a) (i) by (ii) from (iii) for (iv) into
 - b) (i) initiates (ii) initiated (iii) initiate (iv) initiating
 - c) (i) an (ii) a (iii) in (iv) the
 - d) (i) in (ii) on (iii) onto (iv) by
 - e) (i) at (ii) for (iii) to (iv) into

6. In the following paragraph one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing words in any four lines of the given paragraph, along with the words that come before and the words that come after it in the space provided. **4**

	Before	Word	After
Twitter co-founder Evan Williams defended	a) _____	_____	_____
his company denied claims that the	b) _____	_____	_____
site running out of money. It has recently	c) _____	_____	_____
started efforts generate revenue through	d) _____	_____	_____
special ads that appear certain parts of its service	e) _____	_____	_____

7. Rearrange any four of the following word clusters to make meaningful sentences. **4**

- a) your destiny / it / right hand / is said / your / that / is in
- b) are / away / a / one / from / you / life / step / better
- c) problems / determines / how / our personality / with / in life / we deal
- d) some people / than others / can cope / better / hardships / with
- e) interwoven / pearls / were / flower garlands / sparkling / with

SECTION C - LITERATURE AND NOVEL

8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. **4**

And on the pedestal these words appear:
"My name is Ozymandias, King of kings:
Look upon my works, Ye Mighty, and despair!"

- a) Who does 'Ye Mighty' refer to in the above extract?
- b) Why should the 'Mighty' despair?
- c) Who is the poet?
- d) Write the antonym of 'appear'

OR

But when the evening of his life was drawing in, he left his old ways and suddenly took a new turn.

- a) Who does he refer to?
- b) What does the phrase 'evening of his life' refer to?
- c) What do you understand by the phrase 'he left his old ways'?
- d) Why did he take a new turn?

9. Answer any four of the following questions in 30 - 40 words each. **8**

- a) Prove that Miss Mebbin had a "protective elder sister" attitude towards money.
- b) How did the frog once again become the unrivalled King of the bog?

- c) Why did the mariners hang the dead Albatross around the Ancient Mariner's neck?
- d) Why were Jacopo and Nicola working hard?
- e) What are the three things that the grandfather plans to do on Monday next?

10. Answer the following in 100 - 120 words

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“Pen is mightier than sword”. Elucidate with reference to the poem ‘Not Marble Nor the Glided Monuments’.

OR

Appearances are deceptive. Discuss with reference to the two boys Nicola and Jacopo.

11. Answer the following question in 200 - 250 words.

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- a) The Diary of a Young Girl

Draw a character sketch of Mrs. VanDaan

OR

The Annexe was almost a prison for Anne.

How did it limit her life?

- b) The Story of my Life

Draw a character sketch of Helen Keller

OR

Describe Miss. Sullivan's teaching methods.